

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

Post-Filed Continuation Declaration and Power of Attorney (37 CFR 1.53(f))

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR REFINING MOLTEN IRON PRODUCED IN A SMELTING REDUCTION PROCESS AND SMELTING REDUCTION METHOD

the specification of which was filed June 21, 2000 has been accorded Serial No. 09/598,605.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of: (i) any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below; or (ii) any United States provisional application(s) listed below; and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	09-368429	26, December, 1997	yes <u>X</u> no <u> </u>
Japan	09-368430	26, December, 1997	yes <u>X</u> no <u> </u>
Japan	09-368431	26, December, 1997	yes <u>X</u> no <u> </u>
Japan	10-019997	30, January, 1998	yes <u>X</u> no <u> </u>
Japan	10-119714	28, April, 1998	yes <u>X</u> no <u> </u>
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I claim priority benefits under 35 USC 120 of International Application PCT/JP98/05852 filed December 24, 1998 (Chapter II).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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